

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 5, 2000**. Scattered rain fell across most of the state, but more rain is needed. The harvesting of row crops is complete in many parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 54 percent very short, 31 percent short, 12 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	99	97	98	96	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	97	94	96	91	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	65	57	82	78	16	29	51	4	0
	Emerged	23	13	55	56					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	98	95	95	92	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						5	13	43	35	4
Pasture						39	33	19	9	0

County Agent Comments

“Rain is predicted for the next couple of days. Hopefully, this winter it will come soon and often.”
— Mack Young, Quitman County

“Dry spell continues! Wildfires are burning everywhere! Wheat cannot be planted until there is enough rain to germinate seed.”
— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

“Soybean and cotton harvesting are almost completed. Due to low moisture and reduced yields, this will be the earliest harvest ever. Livestock water has reached a critical state.”
— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Destruction of cotton stalks has begun. Dry conditions remain a major problem for winter grasses and pastures.”
— Tim Needham, Tippah County

“Everybody was glad to see the rain, but those who had already planted ryegrass were especially happy. The grain drill will be in greater demand than ever.”
— Ruby D. Rankin, Kemper County

“Light rains did nothing to alleviate drought conditions. Some producers are still trying to bale what is left of the summer hay crop. Weeds are becoming a problem in ryegrass fields that haven't emerged. Producers will have to spray to keep weeds under control.”
— Richard Hay, Amite County

“Cattle producers are trying to make decisions about wintering their herd. Row crop producers are interested in what the disaster and insurance programs will be for the coming year before making final production plans. The Delta has already completed most of the tillage work for the coming year. Cotton ginning will be complete in two weeks.”
— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Rain over the weekend was very welcomed. Ryegrass and other winter grazing will begin to grow now; however, more rain is needed. Bean harvest is almost complete. Fall tillage practices have been moving along very well in the dry weather.”
— Victor Lee, Newton County

Weather Summary from October 30, 2000 to November 5, 2000 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale				58		E1.22	+0.25	4	E1.22				0.17
Cleveland	87	55	70			1.02		3	1.06				
Tunica	85	54	68	57	+11	1.10	+0.13	3	1.10	60	45	51	0.07
Extreme/Average	87	54	69	58	+11	1.11	+0.12	3	1.13	60	45	51	0.11
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	87	49	66	55	+11	0.48	-0.57	3	0.48	80	63	72	0.15
Memphis	86	54	69	57	+12	0.67	-0.25	3	0.67				
Oxford	87	54	69	55	+14	1.14	+0.08	2	1.14				
Extreme/Average	87	49	68	56	+12	0.76	-0.25	3	0.81	80	63	72	0.15
3. Northeast													
Booneville	86	49	69	55	+14	0.65	-0.36	2	0.65				
Corinth	87	54	71	56	+15	E0.50	-0.50	1	E0.50				
Iuka	85	48	65			0.86		2	0.86				
Pontotoc	84	53	69	56	+13	0.86	-0.05	2	0.86	70	67	69	0.12
Tupelo	87	53	68	57	+11	0.92	-0.00	3	0.92				
Verona	87	54	69			0.77		1	0.77	86	56	72	0.16
Extreme/Average	87	48	68	56	+12	0.76	-0.22	2	0.76	86	56	70	0.14
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	87	53	71	59	+12	0.77	-0.25	2	0.77	87	73	79	
Greenwood	86	54	67	59	+8	0.40	-0.60	2	0.40				
Rolling Fork	89	59	71	59	+12	0.41	-0.55	3	0.41	84	69	75	0.10
Stoneville	87	57	69	59	+10	2.20	+1.17	3	2.20	82	65	72	0.15
Yazoo City	85	56	69	60	+9	0.02	-0.97	1	0.02				
Extreme/Average	89	53	70	59	+11	0.76	-0.25	2	0.76	87	65	76	0.10
5. Central													
Carthage	87	50	68	59	+9	0.04	-0.90	2	0.04				
Jackson	84	43	68	59	+9	0.20	-0.71	3	0.20				
Winona	85	48	66	56	+10	0.54	-0.40	2	0.54				
Extreme/Average	87	43	67	58	+9	0.26	-0.69	2	0.26				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	87	59	73			0.00	-0.81	0	0.00	74	66	71	
Columbus	86	55	68			0.18		2	0.18				
State University	87	54	70	59	+11	0.22	-0.59	2	0.22	75	65	72	0.11
Extreme/Average	87	54	71	58	+13	0.13	-0.75	1	0.13	75	65	71	0.11
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	85	55	71			1.29		2	1.29	83	62	74	
Natchez	84	52	70	63	+7	1.05	+0.05	2	1.08				
Oakley	87	54	70	59	+11	0.96	+0.02	2	0.96	85	68	75	
Vicksburg	85	56	70			1.87		2	1.87				
Extreme/Average	87	52	70	61	+9	1.29	+0.35	2	1.30	85	62	74	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	85	55	71	61	+10	0.66	-0.17	2	0.66				
McComb	84	53	70	61	+9	0.99	+0.12	5	0.99				
Extreme/Average	85	53	70	61	+9	0.83	-0.03	4	0.83				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						E0.20		1	0.20				
Hattiesburg	87	57	72	61	+11	0.46	-0.44	1	0.46				
Laurel	86	54	70	60	+10	0.07	-0.72	1	0.07				
Meridian	86	51	68	59	+9	0.14	-0.68	2	0.14				
Newton	88	49	69	58	+11	0.15	-0.70	1	0.15	68	63	65	0.11
Extreme/Average	88	49	70	60	+10	0.21	-0.62	1	0.21	68	63	65	0.11
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	86	54	70			0.02		2	0.02				
BiloxiAFB	84	63	75			0.25		2	0.25				
Gulfport	81	58	71	64	+7	0.39	-0.37	1	0.39				
Pascagoula	85	51	69			0.10		3	0.16				
Poplarville	87	57	73	63	+10	0.16	-0.66	1	0.21	86	68	75	0.21
Extreme/Average	87	51	72	64	+8	0.18	-0.59	2	0.21	86	68	75	0.21
State	89	43	69	59	10	0.61	-0.30	2	0.62	87	45	70	0.14

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Value.